

# ***DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL***



*Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall*

## ***EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM***

***GRANT FOR THE PROVISION OR NECESSARY  
IMPROVEMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL WATER SUPPLY  
TO A HOUSE***

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## **General**

1.1 The objective of the grant scheme is to assist households dependant on private individual water supplies who are incurring capital expenditure to: -

- provide piped supply of water for domestic purposes or
- remedy serious deficiencies in an existing supply of water for domestic purposes.

The scheme does not apply to houses to which a public or group water supply scheme has already been provided or can reasonably be provided.

1.2 Works carried out before a prior inspection by the local authority do not qualify under the scheme.

## **Eligibility**

2.1 A person is eligible for a grant if he or she is: -

- (a) Providing a piped supply of water to an existing house for the first time or,
- (b) Carrying out improvements to a seriously deficient existing piped supply of water to a house,

Where the supply of water concerned is a supply other than a public or group water scheme supply. For the purposes of this memorandum, a group water scheme is a scheme providing a private supply of water by means of a common or shared source of supply and distribution system.

2.2 A person is not eligible for a grant if, in the opinion of the Local Authority: -

- (a) The house concerned is not occupied by the applicant at his or her normal place of residence (e.g. a holiday home).

- (b) The house concerned is at present connected to a public or group scheme water supply.
- (c) The area in which the house is located is or is about to be served by a public water supply or a group scheme water supply.
- (d) The house concerned is under construction or has been constructed within the previous 7 years.
- (e) A grant for: -
  - The provision of the house concerned, or
  - The provision or improvement of a water supply to that house has been paid within the previous 7 years.

### **Qualifying Works**

3.1 Works qualify under the scheme where they are undertaken to provide or improve a supply of water for domestic purposes in a house and they consist of one or more of the following:-

- Drilling or commissioning a new well
- Rehabilitating an existing well, including deepening or relining an existing bore or the removal of silt
- Providing or upgrading a supply of water from a surface water source
- The construction or improvement of a pumphouse, piping or other facilities in connection with the supply of water
- The provision or improvement of mechanical or electrical equipment or facilities in connection with the supply of water
- The provision or improvement of facilities or equipment for the treatment of water.

3.2 Works do not qualify where, in the opinion of the local Authority: -

They have an approved cost of less than €34.87

The proposed works exceed what would be required to secure an adequate supply of water for domestic purposes

They relate to the installation or improvement of plumbing inside a house